

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 07-52

Introduced by Council President Boniface at the request of the County Executive

Legislative Day No. 07-34 Date December 4, 2007

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Subsection A(5) of Section 23-10, Exemptions, of Article III, Conflicts of Interest; and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Subsection A(5) of Section 23-14, Contents of statement, of Article IV, Financial Disclosure, all of Chapter 23, Ethics Code, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to provide for clarification of the receipt and financial disclosure of gifts.

By the Council, December 4, 2007

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: January 8, 2008

at: 7:00 p.m.

By Order: Barbara J. Connor, Council Administrator

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on January 8, 2008, and concluded on January 8, 2008.

Barbara J. Connor, Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County, Maryland that Subsection A(5) of Section 23-10, Exemptions, of Article III, Conflicts of Interest, and Subsection A(5) of Section 23-14, Contents of statement, of Article IV, Financial Disclosure, all of Chapter 23, Ethics Code, of the Harford County Code, as amended, be, and they are hereby, repealed and reenacted, with amendments, all to read as follows:

Chapter 23. Ethics Code

Article III. Conflicts of Interest

§ 23-10. Exemptions.

A. Unless a gift of any of the following would tend to impair the impartiality and the independence of judgment of the official or employee receiving it or, if of significant value, would give the appearance of doing so, or, if of significant value, the recipient official or employee believes, or has reason to believe, that it is designed to do so, Section 23-6A does not apply to:

(5) Gifts of tickets or free admission extended to an ELECTED official [or employee] to attend a charitable, cultural, athletic, or political event, if the purpose of the gift or admission is a courtesy or ceremony extended to the office; or

Article IV. Financial Disclosure

§ 23-14. Contents of statement.

A. The statement required by this Article shall contain schedules disclosing the following interests of the person making the statement, the person's spouse, and any dependent children, together with the specified information for the calendar year for which the statement is to be filed:

(5) A schedule identifying the nature, amount, and donor of the following gifts received from, or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any person who does business with the county, is regulated by the county, or is registered as a lobbyist under this chapter:

[(a) Each gift in excess of \$50;

1 (b)] (A) Each series of gifts received from one person that exceeds \$100;

2 HOWEVER, IN NO EVENT SHALL ANY GIFT BE IN EXCESS OF \$50;

3 [(c)] (B) The forgiveness of any liability during the year covered by the
4 statement, if the amount exceeds \$50;

5 [(d)] (C) The forgiveness of any liability received by any other person, if
6 the forgiveness:

7 [1] Is in an amount in excess of \$50;

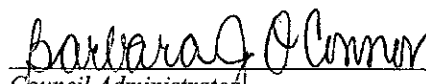
8 [2] Is at the direction of the person making the statement and;

9 [3] Is directly or indirectly from a person doing business with the
10 county or regulated, licensed, or inspected by the county; and

11 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the date
12 it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: March 10, 2008

*The Council Administrator does hereby certify that
fifteen (15) copies of this Bill are immediately available for
distribution to the public and the press.*



Council Administrator

HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 07-52

Brief Title Ethics Code – Financial Disclosure

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

Barbara J. O'Connor
Council Administrator

Date January 8, 2008

ENROLLED

Bill B. Baird
Council President

Date January 8, 2008

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 08-01

Failed of Passage: _____

By Order

Barbara J. O'Connor
Council Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 9th day of January, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

Barbara J. O'Connor
Council Administrator



BY THE EXECUTIVE

David H. Craig
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date January 10, 2008

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill No. 07-52 having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on January 10, 2008

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 10, 2008

Barbara J. O'Connor
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Council Administrator